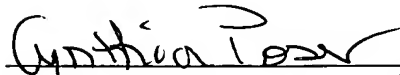




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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO  
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED JULY 26, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks and amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due October 26, 2005, this Response is therefore considered timely filed.